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Office of Crime Victim Services (OCVS)
SAVS: Sexual Assault Victim Services
2023 – Competitive Grant

Grant Announcement

**Applications must be submitted through Egrants on or before
November 6, 2022**



STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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The Egrants User Guide has step-by-step instructions for accessing and using the Egrants online system. The guide is posted on the Egrants page of our website <https://egrants.doj.state.wi.us/EGMIS/Login.aspx>.

Online Help is available throughout the Egrants application process. Once you have started an application, look for the HELP button in the top right corner of the screen. Page-specific instructions can be found there.

Grant Announcement Summary

Program Area: Office of Crime Victim Services (OCVS)

Grant Title: SAVS: Sexual Assault Victim Services 2023 – Competitive Grant

Description: SAVS grant funds are intended for the development, expansion, enhancement, and/or support of comprehensive sexual assault services so they are available to victims of sexual assault regardless of where they reside in Wisconsin. See [SAVS Grant Program Guidelines](#) for additional information. SAVS Grant Program Guidelines can be found on the DOJ website at <https://www.doj.state.wi.us/ocvs/sexual-assault-victim-services-savs-grant>.

Opportunity Category: Competitive

Important Dates:

Application Due Date: November 6, 2022

Project Start Date: January 1, 2023

Project End Date: December 31, 2023

Award Notification: December 2022

Anticipated Funding Amount: Total funds in the amount of **\$2,200,000** are available for a one-year project period, with the possibility of two additional years of continuation funding. Continued funding is contingent upon state and surcharge fund availability and grantee compliance with state guidelines and grant award conditions.

Match/Cost Sharing Requirement: No match is required.

Eligibility: An organization is eligible to apply for and receive a SAVS grant, if the organization meets all the following criteria:

- The organization is a nonprofit corporation or a public agency.
- The organization provides or proposes to provide, either directly or through a contract, subcontract, service agreement or collaborative agreement with other organizations, entities or individuals, a set of specified core services. This should not include all services being subcontracted outside of the recipient agency. See Program Description (page 4) for a comprehensive list of core services.
- The organization does not receive more than 70 percent of its operating budget from grants under this section.

CAGE Code Number: All applicants must be registered on the SAM (formerly Central Contractor Registration/CCR) database. This is the repository for standard information about federal financial assistance applicants, recipients, and sub recipients. If you had an active CCR, you have an active record in SAM. Applicants must update or renew their SAM registration on an annual basis. Information to update your entity records can be accessed at <https://sam.gov/SAM/>.

On **April 4, 2022**, Wisconsin DOJ stopped using/ requesting DUNS Numbers, as the federal government changed from the DUNS Number to the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) (generated by SAM.gov). All entities doing business using federal funds are required to have an active UEI number.

Please note that SAM registration is FREE. You should never pay for creating a new SAM registration or updating or renewing an existing SAM registration.

Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)

- The Unique Entity ID is a 12-character alphanumeric ID assigned to an entity by SAM.gov.
- As part of this transition, the DUNS Number has been removed from SAM.gov.
- Entity registration, searching, and data entry in SAM.gov now require use of the new Unique Entity ID.
- Existing registered entities can find their Unique Entity ID by following the steps here.
- New entities can get their Unique Entity ID at SAM.gov and, if required, complete an entity registration.

DOJ cannot award funds until an agency has an active registration in SAM and is eligible to receive federal funds. If the applicant agency is in the process of applying for SAM while applying to this funding announcement, please attach verification that the SAM registration process has been started.

Eligible Expenses:

All expenses must be new and cannot be used to supplant, replace, or divert other sources of support.

Examples of allowable costs: salaries and fringe benefits of positions providing core sexual assault services and supervisory, and/or administrative positions for sexual assault victim services prorated accordingly, sexual assault skills training for staff and volunteers, travel for staff, volunteers, and victims seeking victim services, equipment and operating expenses (e.g. pro-rated costs of supplies, rent, copying, postage, printing, telephone and internet service) that are actual, reasonable and necessary expenditure to provide core sexual assault victim services; contractual/consultant costs (e.g. pro-rated costs of audits, bookkeeping, training consultants, translation/interpretation services).

Examples of unallowable services: victim's cost reimbursement for expenses incurred as a result of a crime, forensic examinations, investigation services to prosecute the crime, and sex offender treatment and rehabilitation.

SAVS: Sexual Assault Victim Services 2023 – Competitive Grant

The Wisconsin Department of Justice Office of Crime Victim Services (OCVS) provides financial and technical assistance to sexual assault victim service providers. As the State Administering Agency for state and federal criminal justice funds, OCVS is responsible for establishing funding priorities, developing application criteria, awarding, and disseminating grants, and assessing project achievements. This grant announcement provides information about a specific grant opportunity and instructions to help those eligible apply for a share of the available funds.

Program Description

Through this grant announcement, OCVS is seeking applications to provide sexual assault victim services programming. The goal of the SAVS grant is to develop, expand, enhance, and/or support comprehensive sexual assault services so they are available to victims of sexual assault regardless of where they reside in Wisconsin.

Overall SAVS funding priorities are sustaining existing services, promoting healthy agencies and fostering the expansion of services. SAVS requires that an award recipient must offer or intend to offer all the following core services:

- 24 Hour Crisis Response: Agency provides a telephone number with 24-hour immediate access to a person trained in providing sexual violence crisis counseling/intervention, information and referrals.
- Personal Advocacy: Agency addresses victim's/survivor's self-identified needs through an ongoing supportive process of listening, providing emotional support, identifying options, problem solving and skills development.
- Systems Advocacy: Agency acts on behalf of and in support of victims/survivors of sexual violence to ensure their interests are represented and their rights upheld. This includes legal and medical accompaniment/advocacy, as well as the development of cooperative relationships with community partners in order to improve systems response to all survivors.
- Information and Referral: Agency provides and maintains current information pertaining to appropriate community resources.
- Support Groups: Agency provides regular facilitated meetings of victims/survivors of sexual violence and/or survivor allies (e.g., family members, partners) with a supportive and educational focus.
- Accessible Services: Agency adheres to policies, procedures, attitudes, communications and accessible physical space (according to ADA guidelines) for all members of the community. Agency works toward removing barriers to services through a commitment to cultural competency.

- Community Outreach and Prevention Education: Agency increases awareness and understanding about sexual violence through community outreach and engagement.

Priority Areas

Applicants requesting funding are encouraged to develop projects that utilize more than traditional resources; including new community partners, such as communities impacted by inequity, and/or non-traditional service provision. Requests for funds should consider the following priority areas:

- Improving medical advocacy and SANE response to medical facilities
- Strengthening, expanding, or sustaining existing core services
- Addressing critical issues such as access and systemic barriers
- Emphasizing communities impacted by inequity
- Recognizing alternative forms of healing for survivors
- Enhancing organizational capacity or developing additional services to communities impacted by inequity

Submit Applications Using Egrants

Applications must be submitted through the Egrants online grants management system. If you have never used Egrants before, you will need to register for access to the system. To register online, go to <https://register.wisconsin.gov/accountmanagement/default.aspx> and complete the 'self-registration' process. On the account registration site, you will have a choice between the DOJ Egrants and Commerce Egrants. Please take care to select Egrants during this process.

Authorization to access Egrants can take several days depending on registration activity. The DOJ Egrants help desk is open Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm if you need assistance. (Please note: If you register outside of these hours, access may not be approved until the next business day.) Once your Egrants access has been approved, you may begin your online grant application.

An Egrants System User Guide is posted on the DOJ website (Egrants page). If you have any problems using Egrants, please contact our help desk at Egrants@doj.state.wi.us or call us at (608) 267-9068 or toll free at (888) 894-6607 during business hours.

Application Components

Through Egrants, you will provide OCVS with detailed information about your project that will be used to make a funding decision. Questions on what is expected in each section can be directed to Courtney Watson, Grants Specialist at (608) 267-9340 / email: watsonca@doj.state.wi.us.

Please note: No attachments should be included in this grant application unless specifically requested in section instructions. For all attachments, please use a footer/header that includes the agency name and grant ID number on all attachment pages. Do not write in "please see attached" as a response in a section, unless instructed to do so.

1. Main Summary

This page asks for information about your agency and the individuals responsible for the application and grant award. There are many required fields on this page so if you encounter problems, please check online help by clicking the floating HELP button. Please note: When identifying individuals involved in this grant, you may not list the same person as project director and financial officer. The financial officer is the individual responsible for financial activities in your organization while the project director will be overseeing project operations. It is suggested that a program's Executive Director serve as Project Director, as this person is signing off on official grant documents.

In the Brief Project Description text box, please describe your project in 150 words or less. A suggested format is included for your convenience:

“Funds will be used by the (your agency name and others involved in the project) to (describe what funds will be used for and who will be involved). The (what - project, etc.) will (describe the specific goals you hope to achieve – how will the project improve services to sexual assault victims in Wisconsin?), (add which area(s) of the state will benefit).”

2. Approval Checklist

Answer “Yes” or “No” to each question.

3. Performance Measures

Please open this section and change the page status to “Complete”, then SAVE the page.

4. Budget Detail

Complete a project budget using the following categories. For each category used, enter a justification that describes how the items in that category will be used during the course of the grant period. It is important that you include specific details for each budget line item, including cost calculations. Refer to the SAVS Program Guidelines for more detail regarding budget items. Round all amounts to the nearest dollar.

Personnel: Provide salary information for non-contractual employees that will be funded through this grant, including overtime. List each position by title and name of employee, if available. Show the annual salary rate and the percentage of time to be devoted to the project. Include information on the entire funding for a position if the position is not 100% SAVS funded. Compensation paid for employees engaged in grant activities must be consistent with that paid for similar work within the applicant organization.

OCVS will prioritize positions that directly serve victims of sexual violence. Excessive administrative personnel costs are discouraged and are usually unallowable.

A Personnel Budget Example:

Position: Sexual Assault Program Coordinator Name: *Sally Smith*

Description of your computation: $\$50,000$ annual salary \times .40% SAVS Funded (16 hours /week) = $\$20,000$.

Remaining portion of position funded by: *VOCA* (60%) = $\$30,000$.

Employee Benefits: Employee benefits for grant-funded personnel include FICA, Unemployment Compensation, Health Insurance, etc. and amounts budgeted should be based on actual known costs or an established formula. Employee benefits are for the personnel listed in the budget and only for the percentage of time devoted to the project. Under “Briefly describe the overall use of funds for this budget category” include benefits that are included agency-wide and the percentage of the salary.

Example: FICA 6.2% Medicare 1.45%. Unemployment Insurance 1.46%, and Workers Comp 0.38%. Total=9.5%

For each employee list position title and name (the same as listed under Personnel). Beneath that, under “Description of your computation,” show the annual salary multiplied by the percentage funded by SAVS multiplied by the benefits percentage.

Example: Annual Salary: $\$50,000 \times 50\%$ SAVS = $\$25,000 \times 9.5\%$ = $\$2,375$

Staff Development: Provide the total amount of SAVS funding to be used for staff development. To be used for staff providing core sexual assault victim services, supervisors, and administrative staff supporting the sexual assault victim service program. SAVS funds may also be used to train volunteers and non-SAVS funded staff to attend sexual assault related training. Out of state training is allowed ONLY if comparable training is not available in Wisconsin. **Prior approval must be obtained for out-of-state trainings.**

Include registration fees and travel expenses (mileage, meals, lodging, etc.) for staff development in this category. Provide the name(s) or positions of the staff attending conferences or training. List the type of training sought.

Current State rates for instate travel currently include:

- Mileage: $\$0.51/\text{mile}$
- Lodging: maximum $\$90/\text{night}$ ($\$95/\text{night}$ for Milwaukee, Waukesha, or Racine County)
- Meals: $\$9/\text{breakfast}$ (leaving before 6 a.m.); $\$11/\text{lunch}$ (leaving before 10:30 a.m. and returning after 2:30 p.m.); $\$21/\text{dinner}$ (returning after 7 p.m.)

Describe position title, name of employee and travel expense.

Travel: Funds (**excluding travel for training purposes** which should be budgeted under staff development) allocated for travel must relate to the provision of sexual assault victim services (direct victim services; community awareness, outreach, and education; CCR/SART meetings; networking meetings; etc.). SAVS funds may be used to reimburse mileage - \$0.51/mile, purchase gas cards, taxi vouchers, bus tokens, etc. for staff/volunteers providing the core sexual assault victim services and victims seeking sexual assault services.

Equipment: SAVS funds may be used to purchase equipment for sexual assault victim services. Equipment should be prorated to the award recipient's sexual assault victim services program. Equipment should be tangible non-expendable property having a useful life of one year or more.

Supplies and Operating Expenses: SAVS funds may pay for supplies and operating expenses that are actual, reasonable, and necessary expenditures required to provide core sexual assault services. This may include consumables such as paper, postage, liability insurance, general office supplies, telephone and internet expenses, etc. This also includes operating expenses such as rent and utilities. Show computation for all items.

Example: Rent: \$150/month x 12 months = \$1,800.

Agency membership dues for organizations that offer needed relevant information on sexual assault such as Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault (WCASA) are allowable expenses under the SAVS grant program.

Consultants/Contractual: Provide costs associated with individuals or entities providing services through a contractual agreement. Examples of allowable SAVS contractual services are an audit, bookkeeping, and translation/interpretation services. The name of the contracting agency or individual and purpose of the contract must be included in this section. Except for a few justified sole source situations, contracts should be awarded via competitive processes. Attach detailed information to support the total cost of each contract. For each consultant enter the name, if known; service to be provided; hourly or daily fee (8- hour day); and estimated time on the project.

*Consultant fees in excess of \$650 per day or \$81.25 per hour day require additional justification (contact DOJ). List all expenses to be paid from the grant to the individual consultation in addition to their fees (e.g., travel, lodging, meals, etc.). Show basis of computation for each service requested. **Within 30 days of grant award date, a signed contract must be received by DOJ. No fund approvals or reimbursements will be made prior to receipt of the contract.***

Indirect Costs: This may include allowable prorated indirect/administrative costs. A description of the indirect/administrative costs is required.

Other Expenses: Itemize SAVS-eligible expenses not included in any other budget category. If Emergency Funds are listed in this budget category, agencies **may not use cash, Venmo, PayPal, and CashApp to disburse funds to victims.**

5. Agency Personnel Budget Summary

For this section use the WI DOJ-OCVS Agency Personnel Budget Summary and attach when completed. This form can also be accessed through the DOJ SAVS Webpage in the document library.

- List each position title and employee funded by OCVS grants.
(NOT just sexual assault)
- Annual Salary (include all funding sources)
- Provide the total number of hours that the employee works per week
- Total percentage funded by the SAVS grant
- Total percentage funded by the VOCA grant
- Total percentage funded by the VAWA-SASP grant
- Total percentage funded by the VAWA-STOP grant
- Total percentage funded by other sources (other grants, fundraising, donations, etc.)
- Approximate percentage of time spent on each crime type
- The title on the job description and the title listed in the budget should match.
- Write “Shared” instead of the employee’s name if a single position is to be shared by more than one individual.

Copy and paste this document in the Section Response box and save the WI DOJ-OCVS Agency Personnel Budget Summary document as an attachment.

6. Agency Profile

Provide the following information in a narrative format:

- Indicate the type of agency providing services:
 - Sexual assault victim services agency (stand-alone rape crisis center)
or
 - Dual sexual assault/domestic violence agency (agency currently provides services to victims of sexual assault and/or domestic violence)
or
 - Multi-service agency - Describe the type of agency providing sexual assault victim services (i.e., hospital, social service agency, counseling/therapy center, etc.)

In addition, please complete the Sexual Assault Services Profile. Save as an attachment to this section when completed. These forms can also be accessed through the DOJ SAVS Webpage document library.

7. Use of Volunteers

Describe the use of volunteers within your agency:

- Identify if the agency uses volunteers to provide sexual assault services
 - If yes, identify the number of volunteers and services provided.
 - If no, explain why volunteers are not utilized to provide sexual assault victim services.
- Indicate if the agency has a volunteer coordinator who recruits volunteers for sexual assault victim services.
 - If not, explain how volunteers are recruited.

8. Needs Description

Statement of need should not exceed 3 pages.

This should not be a description of the need for sexual assault services in general, but the particular need in your service area of Wisconsin.

- Describe the need for the proposed sexual assault services in your proposed service delivery area of Wisconsin.
- Describe the specific geographic area that will be covered.
- If the proposal is to continue or expand existing services, describe:
 - Current level of services
 - Objective measures of the effectiveness of existing services
 - Current source of funding
 - The reason the organization's current source of funding will be unavailable or insufficient to provide the proposed services.

9. Project Narrative

Describe how SAVS funds will be used by the agency to provide services to sexual assault victims. The Project Narrative should not exceed 6 pages. Specifically:

- Describe how the agency currently provides or proposes to provide core sexual assault victim services within the proposed service delivery area.
 - If the service is provided by a subcontractor, identify the name of the subcontractor, and describe how the services will be provided.
- What challenges or obstacles have you encountered providing sexual assault victim services?
- Describe service modifications or changes that are planned for the next year to address these challenges.
- Explain the impact this grant will have on the delivery of sexual assault victim services in the proposed service delivery area.
- Outline the organization's experience in providing services to communities impacted by inequity.

- How do you ensure the most vulnerable populations are receiving the services they need?
- How do you plan to further reach communities impacted by inequity with your services?
- Provide an estimate of the total number of sexual assault victims the agency expects to serve in all proposed service delivery areas.
 - Estimate the number of sexual assault victims the agency expects to serve in each county/tribal area of the proposed service area during 2023.
- Describe your agency’s plan to retain and possibly recruit qualified staff members.
 - How has your agency prioritized supporting staff?
 - How does your agency support advocates of color, and staff that serve vulnerable or underserved populations within your agency?
 - How does your agency recognize and support the need for advocates of color to collaborate with other advocates of color?
- Describe the agency’s role in coordinating efforts for sexual assault victim services (e.g., task forces, Coordinated Community Response Teams, Sexual Assault Response Teams, written protocols, etc.) in the proposed service delivery area. Identify successes and a plan to meet existing challenges.
- Does the agency have memorandums of understanding (MOUs) or other agreements related to providing sexual assault services in the proposed service delivery area? If so, please explain and describe how those are working.
- Describe how your organization engages in meaningful collaboration with other services and systems within your proposed service delivery area.

Cut and paste the response to this section directly into Egrants. It does NOT have to be submitted as an attachment.

10. Goals and Objectives

As stated above, the goals of the SAVS grant are to develop, expand, enhance, and/or support comprehensive sexual assault services for victims in the state of Wisconsin. Agencies should select one of the SAVS defined goals and may provide as many objectives that relate to achieving the goal.



Goals and Objectives may be attached under “Required Attachments.”

11. Required Attachments

Under this section, please enter “See Attached” in the Section Response box and attach the documents. Attachments that are not requested in this Funding Announcement will not be considered.

- Letters of support (no more than three recent letters that demonstrate collaboration with your agency related to the provision of sexual assault services) OCVS will be contacting agencies listed in letter of support to discuss collaboration.
- SAVS Eligibility Checklist
- Audit Responsibility form
- OCVS Agency Personnel Budget Summary
- Sexual Assault Services Profile
- SAVS Goals and Objectives
- Consultant or Contractual Agreements of MOUs (if applicable)
- Consultant/Contractual Checklist (if applicable)
- List of Agency Board of Directors including name and position in community.
- Agency organizational chart. Include positions that provide sexual assault victim services. If the agency is a multi-service agency only include the organization chart for the sexual assault victim services program.
- Job Description for each position funded by SAVS

(This is a comprehensive list of documents, including documents requested in previous sections.) Please visit the DOJ SAVS Webpage to access documents referenced above.

Application Review and Award Criteria:

- Applications will be screened for completeness and compliance with the instructions provided in this announcement.
- Applications will be reviewed by a panel of external reviewers. Review panels will rate and rank all applications based on a consistent set of criteria consistent with requirements detailed in this funding announcement.
- OCVS staff will review applications to ensure consistency with statewide strategies and make funding recommendations to the OCVS Executive Director and the Attorney General’s Office. All final grant award decisions will be made by the OCVS Executive Director.

Evaluation Criteria:

- Applicants are reviewed and scored based on the quality of their response, the level of detail provided, and their ability to effectively provide the services outlined in the application.
- Accepted proposals which pass preliminary evaluation shall be reviewed and scored against the stated criteria based on responses to sections of this Funding Announcement.

- Proposals will be scored and graded in the following areas:

<u>Evaluation Criteria</u>		<u>Points</u>
Agency Profile	10	
Needs Description	30	
Project Narrative*	50	
Required Attachments	10	
Maximum Points		100

Review/Appeal Process for Grant Funding Recommendations

An applicant may appeal the Office of Crime Victim Services' decision of grant funding. The applicant must request a review of the decision in writing. To be timely, a request must be received by OCVS no later than 10 business days after the date on the denial/intent to award letter.

The written request should be sent via email as follows:

Teresa Nienow, Director of Grant Programs & Training
NienowTA@doj.state.wi.us
 Office of Crime Victim Services
 17 West Main Street
 P.O. Box 7951
 Madison, WI 53707

A request must be signed by an authorized official in your agency and include facts or developments that were not known to you at the time of your original application to OCVS, which in your view should significantly impact the consideration of your application.

Requests to appeal will not be granted if the information received:

- Merely reiterates or restates information or contentions submitted as part of an application;
- Seeks to revise or amend the original application;
- Makes comparisons with other applicants or applications;
- Disputes policy judgments or discretionary decisions made by the review team in formulating its recommendations.

The Office of Crime Victim Services will notify the applicant that the appeal has been received and will respond to the applicant within 30 days of the receipt of all information needed to make the decision. OCVS reserves the right to review and reconsider all elements of the grant application during an appeal. The Office of Crime Victim Services Executive Director reviews and makes final decisions on all appeals.

If the denial decision is rescinded, OCVS will discuss the specific scope, activities, goals and budgetary terms of individual projects to be offered grant funding. Such discussions will likely require revision and resubmission of pertinent administrative, programmatic and financial information.

Award Information

Funds are being made available through the Office of Crime Victim Services SAVS grant program. Upon application approval, the project director of the recipient agency will receive a paper grant award document via email in December 2022.

Post-Award Special Conditions/Reporting Requirements

If you are awarded funds under this announcement, you will be required to provide quarterly fiscal reports and semi-annual program reports. The schedule for your reports will be included in your grant award materials. At that time, please review all your grant award special conditions and E-grant reporting requirements

Additional Resources

Additional information about the Department of Justice and resources to assist with Egrants is available as follows:

- SAVS grant webpage for the Wisconsin Department of Justice:
<https://www.doj.state.wi.us/ocvs/sexual-assault-victim-services-savs-grant>
- A helpful Egrants User Guide is posted on the Egrants page of the DOJ website:
<https://egrants.doj.state.wi.us/egmis/login.aspx>. It includes registration through grant award instructions.
- Online Help is available in many areas of the Egrants program – watch for the Help Buttons.
- Egrants Helpdesk is staffed on non-holiday weekdays between 8AM and 4:30PM. Email: Egrants@doj.state.wi.us
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